



Quarterly Census of RI Employment and Wages

Third Quarter Comparison 2002-2003



Rhode Island total employment averaged 473,756 in the third quarter of 2003, an increase of 6,010 (+1.3%) jobs when compared to the third quarter of 2002. Private sector employment increased by 4,987 positions, while the Government added 1,023 positions. Construction (+2,509) led the way in private sector gains, while Local Government (city/town) accounted for 1,221 jobs, offsetting losses at the federal (-16) and state (-182) level.

Overall, Health Care & Social Assistance (69,984) led the way in average employment for the third quarter 2003, accounting for 16.9 percent of private sector employment. All four sub-sectors reported an employment increase, led by Social Assistance (+528), Ambulatory Health Care Services (+518), Nursing and Residential Care Facilities (+421) and Hospitals (+331). Government (59,089) and Manufacturing (57,149) complete the top three sectors in average employment.

Construction added 2,509 (+12.4) jobs due to gains in Special Trade Contractors (+1,879), Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction (+442) and Construction of Buildings (+209). Health Care & Social Assistance (+1,798), Accommodation & Food Services (+1,321), Management of Companies & Enterprise (+1,213) and Education (+545) round out the top five sectors in employment gains reported over the year.

Manufacturing continues to report large employment declines, losing 3,672 (-6.0%), jobs between third quarter 2002 and third quarter 2003. Eighteen of the twenty-one manufacturing sub-sectors reported job losses. Miscellaneous Manufacturing (-1,074) continues to experience large employment declines as does Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing (-891).

Over \$4.1 billion in wages was paid during the third quarter of 2003, an increase of \$196 million (+5.0%) from the third quarter of 2002. Private sector wages increased by \$173 million (+5.2%), while Government wages increased by \$23 million (+ 3.6%). The average weekly private sector wage was \$648, an increase of \$25 (+4.0%) from the \$623 earned during the same period of last year.

Utility workers continue to earn the highest weekly wage, averaging \$1,329, while representing only 0.3 percent of total private employment within the State. Management of Companies & Enterprise, not only experienced a rise in employment but in wages as well, up \$21,452,189 (+24.5%) from third quarter 2002, averaging \$1,091 per week. The growth in the Construction sector led to the largest wage increase \$35,629,255 (+17.3%) between third quarter 2002 and third quarter 2003, followed by Health Care and Social Assistance (+\$28,913,197) and Finance & Insurance (+\$27,459,547).

Third Quarter 2003

| | No. of Units | July | August | September | Average Employment | Total Wages | Taxable Wages | Contributions |
|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Total | 34,620 | 468,511 | 470,821 | 481,936 | 473,756 | 4,167,807,446 | 653,603,560 | 21,294,427 |
| Private | 33,932 | 413,014 | 415,600 | 415,386 | 414,667 | 3,491,764,675 | 651,298,769 | 21,240,217 |
| State | 58 | 18,215 | 17,757 | 18,077 | 18,016 | 207,787,160 | 1,411 | 22 |
| Local | 440 | 27,084 | 27,309 | 38,332 | 30,908 | 310,978,122 | 2,303,380 | 54,188 |
| Federal | 190 | 10,198 | 10,155 | 10,141 | 10,165 | 157,277,489 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Government | 688 | 55,497 | 55,221 | 66,550 | 59,089 | 676,042,771 | 2,304,791 | 54,210 |
| Total UI Covered | 34,430 | 458,313 | 460,666 | 471,795 | 463,591 | 4,010,529,957 | 653,603,560 | 21,294,427 |

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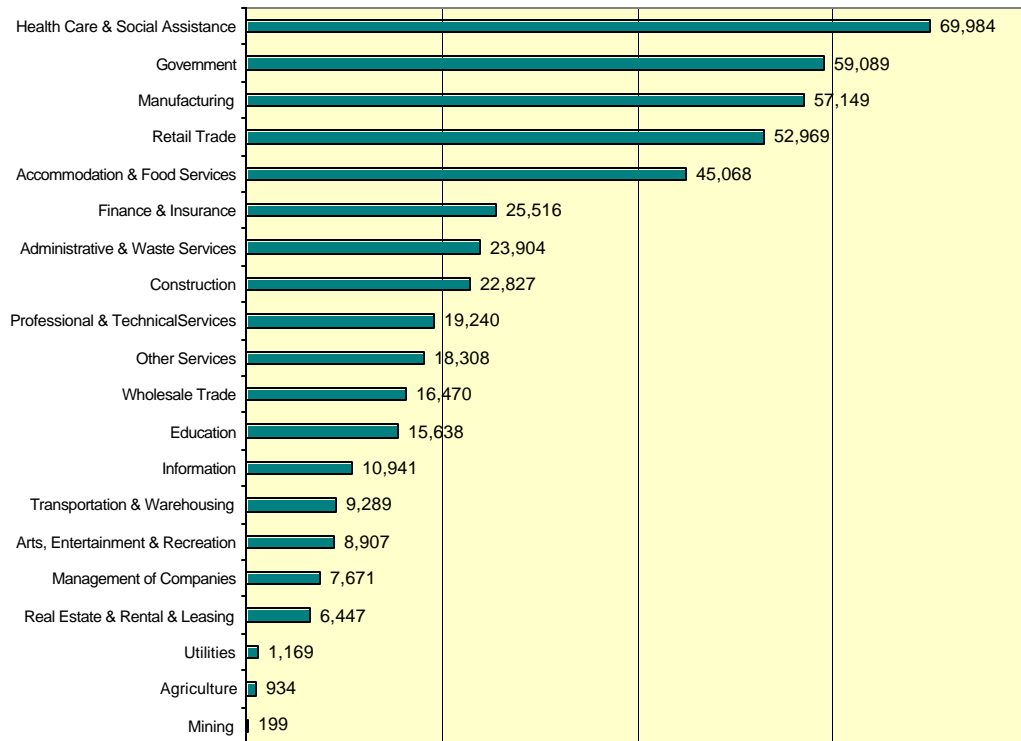
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Sectors by Average Employment



Sectors by Average Weekly Wage

